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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NAS MEMBER ANFINSON

REF: NAS DAVENPORT-HARRIS LETTER (12/13)

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM 12/23 CALL FROM JAY DAVENPORT THAT VISIT OF NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES MEMBER DR. ANFINSON MAY BE POSTPONED TO MARCH. MARCH VISIT IS PROBABLY PREFERABLE IN TERMS OF ACCESS TO HIGH RANKING ARGENTINE OFFICIALS. DAVENPORT EXPRESSED PARTICULAR CONCERN FOR CASE OF DETAINEE ELENA SEVILLA. EMBASSY REQUESTED VISAS EAGLE CHECK ON SEVILLA FOR RIGHT OF OPTION CERTIFICATE ON DECEMBER 16 (BA 9609). WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOREIGN MINISTRY ON HER CASE AND WILL EMPHASIZE NAS INTEREST.

2. SHOULD DR. ANFINSON DECIDE TO COME TO BUENOS AIRES NOW, AND IN REPLY TO THE JAY DAVENPORT-TEX HARRIS DECEMBER 13 LETTER CONCERNING DR. ANFINSON'S TRAVEL, PLEASE ADVISE DAVENPORT THAT EMBASSY WELCOMES ANFINSON VISIT AND WILL DO WHAT IT CAN TO BE HELPFUL. HARRIS WILL BE ON VACATION IN JANUARY AND POLITICAL OFFICER YVONNE THAYER WILL ASSIST. WE CONCUR WITH NAS EFFORTS TO MAKE VISIT ONE OF PRIVATE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPRESENTATIVE AMERICAN SCIENTIST WORKING THROUGH ARGENTINE EMBASSY CHANNELS, WHICH SHOULD EXPEDITE MAKING APPOINTMENTS WITH ARGENTINE OFFICIALS (DURING THE SUMMER VACTION PERIOD) AND GIVE APPROPRIATE EMPHASIS TO VISIT. SCHEDULE LOOKS GOOD, WITH CAVEAT THAT TOP-RANKING OFFICIALS MAY BE DIFFICULT TO FIND IN TOWN DURING VISIT TIME FRAME.

3. AMBASSADOR CASTRO WILL RECEIVE DR. ANFINSON AT 10:30 AM, JANUARY 9, IN THE EMBASSY. APPOINTMENT WITH ARGENTINE OFFICIALS AND REQUEST TO VISIT ONE OF THE DETAINED SCIENTISTS ARE BEST MADE THROUGH ARGENTINE EMBASSY. RECOMMEND YOU GET FIRM CONFIRMATION AND THE HOUR AND NAME OF GOA CONTACT FOR THESE APPOINTMENTS IN ADVANCE, IF POSSIBLE. ARGENTINE JEWISH COMMUNITY IS DIVERSE AND THERE IS NO CHIEF RABBI HERE, ALTHOUGH DR. NEHEMIAS RESNIZKY, DIRECTOR OF THE DELEGATION OF ARGENTINE-ISRAELI ASSOCIATIONS (DAIA) TYPICALLY RECEIVES VISITORS INTERESTED IN JEWISH COMMUNITY ATTITUDES AND CONCERNS. APPOINTMENT WITH PAPAL NUNCIO SHOULD BE MADE DIRECTLY AND IN ADVANCE VISIT, BUT IF THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE WE CAN ARRANGE AFTER ANFINSON ARRIVAL.

4. WE SUGGEST ANFINSON MAY WISH ALSO TO MEET WITH DR. JOSE WESTERKAMP, PROFESSOR OF EXPERIMENTAL PHYSICS AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ARGENTINE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. EMBASSY CAN ARRANGE THIS APPOINTMENT. IT SHOULD BE VERY USEFUL FOR DR. ANFINSON TO SEE AAAS REPRESENTATIVE DADDARIO BEFORE HIS TRIP FOR BRIEFING AND FURTHER SUGGESTIONS.

5. REQUEST YOU ALSO ADVISE DAVENPORT THAT BESIDES HARRIS' ABSENCE, EMBASSY WILL HAVE VISITING TWO CODEL THE WEEK OF JANUARY 1-7, AND WE WILL HAVE LIMITED TIME TO ASSIST HIM ON ADVANCE TRIP PROPOSED FOR JANUARY 4. ADVISE HIM THAT TRANSLATOR CAN BE HIRED FOR ANFINSON'S TRIP, IF NECESSARY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AT RATE OF APPROXIMATELY DOLS 100 PER DAY. FURTHER, PLEASE ADVISE NAS THAT ARGENTINE PHYSICIST JUAN CARLOS GALLARDO IS NOT DISAPPEARED, BUT HAS BEEN HELD IN SIERRA CHICA PRISON AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE POWER SINCE MARCH, 1976. HE HAS BEEN OFFERED A TEACHING POSITION AT HIS NEW YORK STATE ALMA MATER AND EMBASSY HAS SEEN HIS WIFE, WHO RESIDES IN CORDOBA, ON SEVERAL OCCASION. CASTRO

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